

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING 75 SEASONS OF SKY TAVERN'S JUNIOR SKI PROGRAM

HON. MARK E. AMODEI

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Mr. AMODEI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sky Tavern, a local nonprofit that is celebrating the 75th season of their Junior Ski Program.

Located just 30 minutes from Reno, Sky Tavern was one of the area's earliest ski resorts. Motivated by her belief that sports were good for children, local skier and schoolteacher Marce Herz convinced the resort owners to begin an affordable learn-to-ski program in 1948.

Since then, Sky Tavern's Junior Ski Program has taught over 100,000 area youth how to ski and snowboard.

Sky Tavern has switched hands a few times over the decades; most recently in 1991, when a group of dedicated parents formed the current non-profit organization that manages the Junior Ski Program and maintains the property. Today, the Sky Tavern Junior Ski Program is the oldest and largest volunteer staffed ski school in the United States.

Notable alumni of the program include David Wise, Olympic gold medalist in the halfpipe, and Tamara McKinney, one of the top American alpine racers.

While this program has turned out some of our nation's best skiers, I would suggest that Sky Tavern's most significant achievement has been to make skiing, snowboarding, and other winter sports more accessible for local children.

Winter sports are a way of life in northern Nevada. From keeping the prices low to helping children with disabilities enjoy the slopes alongside their peers, Sky Tavern has reached countless children who would not otherwise have had the opportunity to participate in this great northern Nevada tradition.

I commend the team at Sky Tavern for carrying on Marce Herz's noble vision and positively impacting the lives of Nevada's children.

RECOGNIZING MS. ANNA MARIA HODGES

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Anna Maria Hodges who became the first woman of color and Afro-Latina to hold the position of Clerk of Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. Ms. Hodges is a consummate professional with decades of hard-earned experience, leadership abilities, impressive work ethic, and commitment to justice and innovation.

Elected by the people of Milwaukee County on November 8, 2022, Ms. Hodges assumed

office on January 2, 2023, and directs the administrative, recordkeeping, and clerical services that support the Milwaukee County Circuit Court.

Ms. Hodges leads a staff of nearly 300 employees, supervises the management of approximately 150,000 annual cases, and administers a budget exceeding \$42 million. In addition to her statutory duties as the Clerk of Circuit Court, Ms. Hodges serves pursuant to the Milwaukee County General Ordinances as Director of the Milwaukee County Division of Court Services, supervising additional fiscal and administrative services supporting court operations, and provides direction to Milwaukee County's Jury Management Office.

As the Clerk of Circuit Court, Ms. Hodges continues upon her nearly three decades of work expanding public access to our justice system and ensuring efficient court operations. Ms. Hodges' priorities include achieving excellence in customer service, increasing professional development and training opportunities for her office's dedicated personnel, and responsibly administering the records and funding entrusted to her office. Ms. Hodges' service as Clerk of Circuit Court marks only the most recent step in a three-decade career in public service.

A public servant for nearly 30 years, Ms. Hodges previously served as Acting Clerk of Circuit Court in early 2022, Chief Deputy Clerk of Circuit Court from 2018 to 2022, and as Assistant Chief Deputy Clerk of Circuit Court and Civil Division Administrator from 2006 to 2018. She has also served as Court Coordinator and Deputy Director of Litigation Services for the First Judicial Administrative District, as Deputy Director of the Milwaukee Office of former Governor Tommy Thompson of Wisconsin, and as Constituent Services Specialist in the office of former Milwaukee County Executive Francis Thomas Ament.

A resident of Brown Deer, Wisconsin, Ms. Hodges graduated magna cum laude from Cardinal Stritch University with a Bachelor of Science in Management. She is a proud mother and grandmother and is active in her community and church.

Mr. Speaker, for these reasons, I am honored to recognize Anna Maria Hodges and her lifelong commitment to public service and Wisconsin. I look forward to seeing Ms. Hodges' contributions and accomplishments as Clerk of Circuit Court.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE SILVER

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Borough of Little Silver, New Jersey on the 100th anniversary of its incorporation. It is my honor to join with its officials

and residents in celebration of this historic milestone.

A part of Shrewsbury Township until 1923, Little Silver has evolved from farmland, woods, and saltwater marshes to a bustling suburb of diverse restaurants, specialty shops, and small businesses. With its location on the water and its proximity to New York City, the area has attracted visitors from the north that have transformed Little Silver from a seasonal resort to the community it is today. Despite its development over the years, Little Silver has maintained its distinct charm and character.

Tracing its history back before its incorporation, the borough has several historical landmarks including its railroad station, post office (which now serves as a museum), and Sickles Market, that began as a farm stand over 100 years ago and is still in operation today. In the 1800s, John T. Lovett opened a nursery that became the largest employer in the area and well known across the country, supplying national retail businesses such as Sears Roebuck. Many of the town's residents can trace their roots back generations. One of the oldest sites in the borough, the Parker Homestead, was inhabited by the same family for 300 years, who were original settlers of the area.

In its 100th year, the borough is governed by Mayor Robert Neff and council members Kevin Brennan, Chris Smith, Donald Galante, Michael Holzapfel, Doug Christensen, and Stephanie Brannagan.

Mr. Speaker, I sincerely hope my colleagues will join me in marking the 100th anniversary of the Borough of Little Silver and celebrating its rich history.

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 40th anniversary of the Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois.

The Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois was chartered in 1983 and now serves over 230 members who are dedicated, community-minded leaders in industry, education, the military, and government throughout the Metro East region.

Assisting institutions throughout the counties of Bond, Calhoun, Clinton, Jersey, Macoupin, Monroe, St. Clair, and Washington, the Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois helps to unify the region for growth by promoting general welfare and economic development.

The Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois' many accomplishments include the reaccreditation of the Southwestern Illinois

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Levee System, helping earn three Abilene Trophies for building a strong and vibrant community surrounding Scott Air Force Base, catalyzing economic growth through a regional development plan, and leading numerous important infrastructure projects including major river bridge improvements in the last decade.

Please join me in congratulating the Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois on its 40th anniversary and wishing the council continued success in strengthening our communities for years to come.

RECOGNIZING CPL. HELEN M.
LATTAL

HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the life of the late Corporal Helen M. Lattal, a proud World War II veteran who passed away in March at the age of 103.

Helen enlisted in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) in 1942. In 1943, President Roosevelt transformed the WAAC into the Women's Army Corps, giving women full military status. She served in the headquarters of the 8th Air Force of the Army Air Corps under the command of Gen. Jimmy Doolittle.

After the war, she returned to the United States and worked as a counselor for soldiers. In her later years, she would serve as a volunteer with the Red Cross. She was a 57-year member of the American Legion where she served a term as post commander.

Cpl. Lattal's life's work is an example of the patriotism, sacrifice, and commitment we associate with the military. We are grateful for her dedication to this country, and we will miss her.

HONORING COUNCILMAN JIM
BULLARD

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to commemorate the life of former Piscataway Councilman Jim Bullard. Councilman Bullard passed away on February 15, 2023, after a life filled with numerous personal and professional accomplishments.

Throughout his life, Councilman Bullard exhibited hard work and an interest in learning. The son of James and Eileen Bullard, Councilman Bullard was born and raised in the Bahamas. He graduated high school at the age of 12 and worked various jobs where he consistently demonstrated character and leadership before moving to the United States to continue his education. He received his associates degree from Miami-Dade Community College and his bachelor's degree from Lowell Technological Institute (UMass Lowell). He worked as an electrical engineer for RCA, Honeywell, and AT&T Bell Labs. He remained at AT&T for 29 years until his retirement in 2006.

Elected to represent Ward 2 on the Piscataway Township Council in 2010, Councilman Bullard served three terms, until De-

cember 2022, and led the Council as President in 2013. Throughout his tenure, Councilman Bullard promoted senior services, recreational programs for children, and improvements to parks.

A long-time advocate for seniors, Councilman Bullard served on the Senior Citizen Advisory Commission and the Office of Aging & Disabled Services Advisory Council and helped start the Senior Buddy Program which partners high school seniors with senior citizens to improve computer skills.

In addition to his work with the senior population, Councilman Bullard volunteered his time with the Piscataway Little League, Piscataway Community Television, the Metlar-Bodine House Museum, and the Piscataway Recreation Board, among others. He was deservedly recognized for his efforts by various organizations, including the Jersey Access Group, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, and the Middle Atlantic Regional Babe Ruth Baseball Hall of Fame.

Councilman Bullard received a heart transplant in 2006. As he did throughout his life, Councilman Bullard approached transplant surgery with determination and a positive attitude, recovering quickly and devoting time to supporting organ donation programs and patients. He helped raise funds for organ donation for Hahnemann University and served as President of the Second Chance Heart Transplant Chapter and Support Group.

Councilman Bullard leaves behind a loving family, including his beloved wife of 45 years, Lois, their children, grandchildren, and his siblings. His generous spirit was a joy to everyone he met, and he will be remembered fondly by all those whose lives he impacted.

Mr. Speaker, Councilman Bullard was a dedicated public servant and an active member of the community. He was deeply committed to serving the residents of Piscataway and his leadership and enthusiasm will truly be missed. I know I join with his family, friends, colleagues, and community in paying tribute to his memory.

PROVIDING APPROPRIATE RECOGNITION AND TREATMENT
NEEDED TO ENHANCE RELATIONS WITH ASEAN ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call for passage of the PARTNER with ASEAN Act, bipartisan legislation I introduced with Congresswoman YOUNG KIM of California to strengthen the longstanding relationship between the United States and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

For nearly six decades, ASEAN has worked to promote stability, prosperity, and multilateral cooperation in Southeast Asia and has become a critical part of the diplomatic architecture of the broader Indo-Pacific. Together, the ten member nations of ASEAN represent the world's fourth-largest market, and U.S. trade with ASEAN accounts for hundreds of billions of dollars a year. Last fall, the U.S. and ASEAN agreed to elevate their relationship to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.

In 2017, I co-founded the Congressional ASEAN Caucus with Congresswoman ANN WAGNER to foster greater dialogue on Capitol Hill around issues related to Southeast Asia. Today's consideration of the PARTNER with ASEAN Act comes from years of bipartisan work by our Caucus, and I also want to recognize the contributions of the bill's original cosponsor Representative Steve Chabot, who was a leader on Asia policy issues in Congress for many years.

The United States was the first non-member country to appoint an ambassador to ASEAN, and Congress has long recognized the regional and global importance of ASEAN. Despite the bipartisan consensus about the importance of ASEAN centrality, the United States has yet to accord ASEAN the routine diplomatic privileges that we provide to similar groupings like the Organization of American States, African Union, or European Union.

The PARTNER with ASEAN Act would authorize ASEAN to be designated as an international organization with full diplomatic privileges and open new avenues for U.S.-ASEAN cooperation, including the potential establishment of an ASEAN mission in the United States. It has bipartisan support in the Senate, where a companion bill was introduced earlier this month, and President Biden has committed to signing the bill into law once it reaches his desk.

At a time of increased global focus on the Indo-Pacific, the PARTNER with ASEAN Act makes a simple change that will have an outsized impact on our international relations. I thank Congresswoman KIM for her partnership on this bill, and I also want to recognize the work of Erik Ashida, who served on my staff until last month and played an instrumental role in moving this legislation forward.

I urge my colleagues to support the swift and bipartisan passage of the PARTNER with ASEAN Act and applaud the longstanding commitment of this body to maintaining strong relationships with our partners in the Indo-Pacific.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH
BIRTHDAY OF DAVID FULSTONE

HON. MARK E. AMODEI

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Mr. AMODEI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my Happy Birthday wishes to Mr. David Fulstone, who will celebrate his 100th birthday on Saturday, April 1, 2023.

David Hill Fulstone was born on April 1, 1923, in San Francisco, California as the second of five children to the late Fred and Dr. Mary Fulstone. Raised in Nevada's Smith Valley on the family sheep ranching operation, the values of hard work and service were instilled in David at an early age. Throughout his youth, he worked as a ranch hand, and especially loved sheep camp.

He was also the star of the Smith Valley Bulldogs basketball team, before graduating in 1942. After high school, David pursued his passion and bought his own farm, growing hay, garlic, and onions.

In 1945, David married his best girl and forever dance partner, Angelina Margaroli. They were faithfully married for 63 years until